--- “Series of 1885” - 10 Cigars - BLACK - 365 x 20 mm ---

The Lee Brandom catalogue should list the black ten cigar strip from the “Series of 1885” as follows:

RG-361(L) - 10 Cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls
RG-362(L) - 10 Cigars, black, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls - **WANTED!**
RG-364 - 10 Cigars, black, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls

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3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records 10,300 *lithographed* copies of “10 Black Cigars” as delivered.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records 70,768 *lithographed* copies and 30,000 *recess printed* by hand press copies of “10 Black Cigars” as delivered.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records 155,232 *recess printed* by hand press copies of “10 Black Cigars” as delivered.
5th ABN Supplement (1897-1898)	John McKay records 26,976 *recess printed* by hand press copies of “10 Black Cigars” as delivered.

These latter had been previously printed and had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “series of 1897”.

3rd BABN Contract	10,300 lithographed	**000001** to **010300** - **RG-361/362(L)**
4th BABN Contract	70,768 lithographed	**010301** to **081068** - **RG-361/362(L)**
4th BABN Contract	30,000 recess printed (by hand press)	**081069** to **111068** - **RG-364**
5th BABN Contract	155,232 recess printed (by hand press)	**111069** to **266300** - **RG-364**
5th BABN Supplement	26,976 recess printed (by hand press)	**266301** to **293276** - **RG-364**
	293,276	

The Budget of 1885 doubled the taxation on *Foreign leaf* cigars from $ 3.00 to $ 6.00 per pound; and on cigars made from *Domestic leaf* from $ 1.50 to $ 3.00 per pound; and introduced a discriminatory excise duty on smaller packages. The introduction of the ten cigar strip was possibly precipitated by the higher tax rate. The *Foreign leaf* cigar tax was raised to $ 7.00 per pound on packages of less than ten cigars.

--- “Series of 1885” - 10 Cigars - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal blue control numbering ---

--- RG-361(L) - perf 12 - 365 x 20 mm - scanned at 40% scale ---

★**RG-361(L)** - 10 cigars, black, perf 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **019855**

019855★	RG-361(L)	10 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove
??????? ★	RG-361(L) **	10 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, on a 6⅝” x 4⅞” x ⅞” wooden box of **Merry Christmas** cigars by “Maher & Dufresne”, of St. Jean, Quebec, **1-13**

★**RG-361(L)n** - 10 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering
probably from the 3rd BABN Contract

--- RG-362(L) - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 40% scale ---

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RG-362(L)**, the *lithographed*, coarse roulette, black, ten cigar strip from the “Series of 1885”. Before realizing that these coarse roulette strips *were not recess printed* the following were recorded.

016380	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette
029732	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034359	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034379	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034386	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034394	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034399	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034406	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034410	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034580	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034576	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034596	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034611	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034679	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034754	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**
034763	RG-362(L)	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **CIGARS / 16 - 17**

--- “Series of 1885” - 10 Cigars - BLACK - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- *recess printed* by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm blue control numbering ---

--- RG-364 - *coarse roulette* - 365 x 20 mm - scanned at 40% scale ---

★**RG-364** - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **217937**

217919★	RG-364 CP	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
217936	RG-364 CP	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
217937★	RG-364	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove

The “CP” strips are all suspect stampings.

The collection *does not* contain a *recess printed* copy of the black, coarse roulette, ten cigar **RG-364** from the **5th ABN Supplement** (1897-1898) - i.e. with control numbering falling in the range of **266301** to **293276**.

The collection contains a two piece black die proof on white bond paper, ★**RG-364 PuP**, cut and prepared for paste-up - plus ★another finished ‘paste-up’ mounted on light cardboard.

★**RG-364 PuP** - 10 cigars, black, *recess printed* two-piece *paste-up die proofs*
the lower pair has been mounted on light cardboard

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